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SUBJECT: PROPOSED GAO VISIT TO OTTAWA

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1. PRELIMINARY REACTION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (ANNE PARK, HEAD OF TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE, USA DIV) TO PROPOSED VISIT IS THAT GOC WOULD BE QUITE HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH GAO TEAM IN ITS STUDY OF CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, BUT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIMING AND LENGTH OF THE PROPOSED VISIT. SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF IJC WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 26-30. BECAUSE OF THIS, VIRTUALLY ALL GOC AND IJC OFFICIALS GAO TEAM WISHES TO INTERVIEW WILL BE INVOLVED IN THAT MEETING, OR CAUGHT UP IN ITS PREPARATIONS DURING ENTIRE TIMEFRAME PROPOSED. BOTH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND IJC SECRETARIAT HAVE SUGGESTED GAO VISIT BE POSTPONED UNTIL FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER OR LATER. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ALSO FEELS THAT TEAM SHOULD BE ABLE TO FINISH ITS WORK IN OTTAWA IN 2 OR AT MOST 3 DAYS.

2. EMBASSY WELCOMES GAO VISIT AND WILL BE PLEASED TO ASSIST TEAM IN DEVELOPING APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE AND OTHERWISE FACILITATING VISIT. HOWEVER, IT SHARES GOC CONCERNS REPORTED PARA 1 AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS VISIT BE RESCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-7, OR TO A SUBSEQUENT
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WEEK. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR GAO VISIT IS COLEMAN NEE. SUGGEST GAO TEAM ESTABLISH TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH MR. NEE TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE DATES AND APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE.

3. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO TOPICS PROPOSED IN REFTEL FOR DISCUSSION WITH GOC OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE

NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO IJC SECRETARIAT, SOME OF THE BOARDS
CITED IN PARA 3 OF REFTL ARE INACTIVE (INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE ON WATER QUALITY IN THE ST JOHN RIVER, INTER-
NATIONAL ROSEAU RIVER ENGINEERING BOARD), DISBANDED
(INTERNATIONAL GREAT LAKES LEVELS BOARD) OR HAVE
CHAIRMAN RESIDENT IN HAMILTON ONTARIO (INTERNATIONAL
REFERENCE GROUP ON LAND USE ACTIVITIES, INTERNATIONAL
REFERENCE GROUP ON UPPER LAKES POLLUTION AND INTERNATIONAL
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